

Remarks

The claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments are being made merely to clarify the invention. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

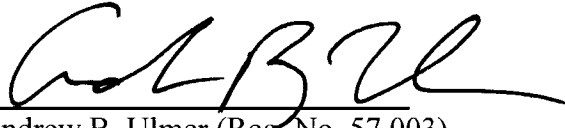
This amendment and response is responsive to the Office Action mailed 02/12/2007. While a Notice of Appeal was filed on 05/02/2007, the present amendment and response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to effect a withdrawal of the Appeal. The filing of the RCE and the present amendment and response should not be viewed as reflecting in any way on the merits of the Office's rejections or on the Applicant's substantive position on that Appeal. Instead, this amendment and response is being filed in view of a telephonic interview with the Examiner on 06/28/2007, in an effort to expedite allowance of this application in lieu of incurring the time and expense that would otherwise be associated with a continued appeal process.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on 06/28/2007. The claims were amended as discussed in the interview. In particular, claim 39 was amended to further specify structure with respect to the "kiosk" limitation. Applicant further notes that new claim 74 is substantially similar to prior claim 52 (which had been canceled), with the addition of the above-noted further specificity of structure with respect to the "kiosk" limitation. Similarly, new claim 74 is substantially similar to prior claim 61 (which had been canceled), with the addition of the above-noted further specificity of structure with respect to the "kiosk" limitation. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication during the interview that the subject matter added in the present amendments (i.e., further specifying structure with respect to the "kiosk" limitation) would appear to include structure that is not taught in the art of record. In view of this indication from the Examiner, Applicant believes that the amended claims overcome the art of record. The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner reserved the right to update and supplement his search.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicant traverses the rejections and preserves all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the amendments or arguments made herein, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (513) 369-4811 or via e-mail at aulmer@fbtlaw.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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